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SUBJ: FORMER UPP MEMBER WINS ROAN BY-ELECTION

1. ALFRED CHAMBESHI, FORMER MEMBER OF THE BANNED UNITED PROGRESSIVE PARTY (UPP), WON THE ROAN PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTION JANUARY 26, GAINING MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT OF THE VOTE AGAINST TWO OTHER CANDIDATES. CHAMBESHI RECEIVED 1128 OF THE 2025 VOTES CAST, WHICH REPRESENTED A LOW TURNOUT OF LESS THAN FIFTEEN PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS.

2. PARTY OFFICIALS BLAMED THE LOW TURNOUT ON THE FACT THAT THIS WAS THE SECOND BY-ELECTION IN LESS THAN A YEAR AND THAT A GENERAL ELECTION IS DUE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. THE CAMPAIGN WAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY, BOTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY, AND GENERATED A LOT OF INTEREST BECAUSE OF CHAMBESHI'S CANDIDACY. FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ELECTION RESULTS, CHAMBESHI SAID, "MY SERVICES WILL PROVE THAT I HAVE

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COME BACK INTO UNIP AND GOVERNMENT WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE," AND VOWED TO HELP BUILD "A BETTER ZAMBIA". PRESIDENT KAUNDA CONGRATULATED CHAMBESHI AND SAID THE ELECTION DEMONSTRATED THAT ONE PARTY PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY WAS "THE RIGHT PATH" FOR ZAMBIA.

3. COMMENT: THE ROAN BY-ELECTION WAS CLOSELY WATCHED
AS A TEST OF THE STRENGTH OF THE UPP. ALTHOUGH
CHAMBESHI GOT A MAJORITY OF VOTES CAST, THAT MAJORITY
ACCOUNTED FOR LESS THAN TEN PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE
VOTERS. THE UPP MAY BE ABLE TO GET OUT MORE VOTERS
THAN UNIP, BUT IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE THAT IS NOT
SAYING MUCH.
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